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45 Tons of Cocoanuts At Terminal Island For Safeway Stores

Forty-five tons of fresh cocoanuts, consigned to the Safeway Stores of Los Angeles, have arrived at Terminal Island from Colon, Panama, on the S. S. Alaska, of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique. The shipment, totaling nearly 55,000 nuts, is the largest ever made to the Pacific coast, according to Edward Dale, Safeway's vice-president and general manager.

"This is the first time that cocoanuts have ever been featured here in the retail market," Mr. Dale says. "But we wanted to do something different for a change, something out of the ordinary."

"That was two months ago. Antonio Gutierrez and William H. Campbell, two young importers and exporters of Los Angeles, who were familiar with trading conditions in Panama, were called in and told what we were looking for. Nuts with a circumference of 14 inches or better. The standard-sized nut runs from eight to eleven inches. Gutierrez tells me that some of the nuts he obtained show a girth of 20 inches, twice the regular size!"

"The two boys left the following day for Colon, where they chartered a tramp steamer and cruised down along the San Blas coast. For a distance of 200 miles they traversed the eastern shoreline of Panama, and when finally they reached the end of the cocoanut belt they had let our orders for a total of nearly two hundred thousand nuts, four times what their contract with Safeway specified!"

"But the boys knew what they were doing. Instead of relying upon the natives to furnish them with only the larger nuts, they bought them up in dug-out lots irrespective of size. All the way back to Colon the natives swarmed about the sides of the steamer, transferring their 'catches' to its decks, where Gutierrez and Campbell occupied themselves with the tedious job of sorting out the better and larger nuts for consignment to Los Angeles. After the steamer had berthed at Colon three weeks were spent in disposing of the 150,000 standard-sized nuts to local merchants. Then the Safeway cargo, consisting of hand-picked nuts of large size, was loaded onto the Alaska, the voyage to Los Angeles consuming 12 days."

Airplanes Will Do Much To Eliminate City Smoke Clouds

The rapid advancement of the airplane and air transportation spells the immediate death of the smoke problem that is bothering many of our American cities today, according to Alexander B. Macbeth, president of the American Gas Association. The almost impenetrable haze that covers large urban centers makes airplane landing difficult, Mr. Macbeth says, and has been a factor in locating airplane fields outside city limits, where the air is clear.

"The smoke problem must be solved in the near future," Mr. Macbeth says. "Smoke does not have a single saving grace. It is injurious to health. It is expensive, in that it means fuel waste, high laundry bills, defacement of expensive buildings, and lessened working capacity."

In his opinion the great economic need for the elimination of smoke, plus the health feature, will result in a speedy solution.

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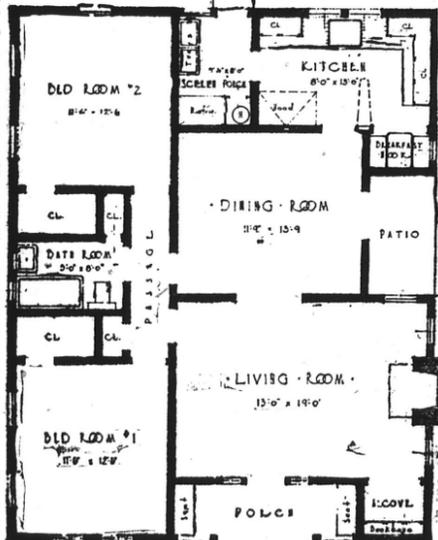
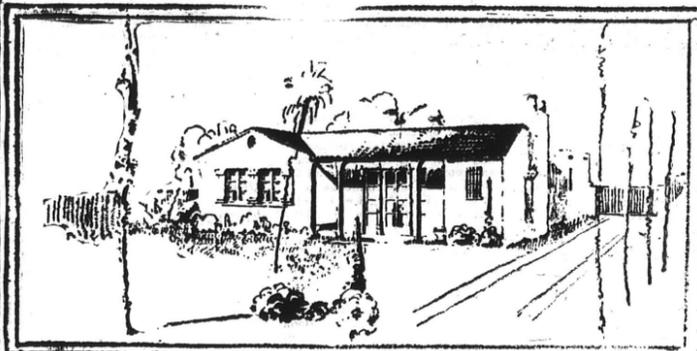
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BY ARTHUR R. HUTCHASON
Architect

A simple, comfortable little Spanish bungalow is illustrated this week. It has all the necessary rooms in decent but not large sizes. It is a home in which one could live comfortably.

It is a common-sense, livable house which would build economically and serve every reasonable need.

The front elevation is very nice. From the front door one may go directly to the dining room or to the bedroom wing, without having to dodge any furniture. There would be a group of chairs or a lounge in front of the fireplace, and there is space for wall furniture to the left as one enters, none of which would interfere with the lines of traffic. The book alcove is an attractive adjunct to the room and saves it from the common-place.

The bedroom wing is good and has ample closet space, and the bath fixtures are very well placed. The door from the passage to the dining room might or might not be useful, depending on the habits of the occupant. The dining room needs more light, and this could be secured by making the entrance wall between the patio and dining room all glass. The kitchen and screen porch are efficiently laid out and seem to have all the necessary equipment, each in its proper place in relation to the others, the kitchen nook being particularly well arranged.

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